

## **Capt. Richard B. Best Jr.**

*Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company*

Captain Richard B. Best Jr. graduated from the University of South Carolina in 2003 with a BA in Sociology. He later earned a Master's Degree in Environmental Science from Webster University in 2013.

Best entered active duty service in 2008 as a college option officer candidate. He graduated Basic Training and Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA in 2009 with a commission in the Chemical Corps. He later attended Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC) II at Fort Sill, OK and BOLC III at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

Best's first assignment was as the CBRN Officer for the 4-320th FA Battalion in the 101st ABN DIV (AASLT) at Fort Campbell, KY in 2010. He deployed with the unit to Afghanistan in 2010 where he was assigned as the TOC's Battle Captain. In 2012 he was assigned as 4BCT's CBRN Officer where he worked in Plans, and later as the Rear Detachment S-3 OIC. In 2013 he attended the CBRN Captains Career Course at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

Best's awards include the Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), the Meritorious Unit Citation, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal, and the Air Assault Badge.

